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the MOON PYGMIES of CALLISTO

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AT THE GHARU SPACECRAFT PLANT ON MARS, IT'S OWNER DEPARTS AFTER A DAY'S WORK, WHEN SUDDENLY...
GHARU
SPACECRAFT PLANT
T-THE CHIEF'S SKY-MOBILE... ENGINE'S FAILING... ITS NOSE-DIVING TO THE GROUND... NOTIFY CRASH CREW!
AN HOUR LATER, A SADDENED RICK STARR, OF ALLIED SOLAR ENTERPRISES, STANDS GRIMLY BEFORE A HOSPITAL BED...
I KNOW HOW YOU BOTH MUST FEEL... YOU, KARKO, HIS CLOSE FRIEND AND LAWYER, AND YOU, BRANA, HIS NEPHEW... DID YOU SEE THE ACCIDENT, BRANA?
NO, MR. STARR --I WAS WORKING IN THE PLANT MACHINE SHOP AT THE TIME! MY UNCLE MUST PULL THROUGH... HE MUST!
LET KARKO TAKE YOU HOME! GHARU'S FATE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE STARS NOW, BRANA!
DOCTOR...WHEN YOU CONTACTED ME, YOU SAID THERE WAS A WAY I MIGHT HELP MY FRIEND, GHARU! HOW?
UNFORTUNATELY, GHARU IS ALLERGIC TO THE MODERN MEDICINE THAT COULD SAVE HIS LIFE, MR. STARR! BUT THERE IS A SUBSTITUTE THAT WOULD REACT ON HIM...
...THE SECRET HERB POTION OF THE PYGMY TRIBE ON CALLISTO, ONE OF THE MOONS OF JUPITER!
HMM... A VERY WITHDRAWN AND UNFRIENDLY PEOPLE!
EXACTLY! BUT IF ANYONE COULD GET THROUGH TO THEM, YOUR FRIEND SPACE RANGER COULD! AND IF HE COULD HAVE THAT POTION HERE WITHIN SIXTY HOURS...
...GHARU'S LIFE MIGHT BE SAVED! TIME'S TICKING AWAY... I'D BETTER CONTACT SPACE RANGER AT ONCE!
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RICK THROTTLES HIS SPACESHIP TO ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF ASTEROIDS BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER WHERE A SECTION OF ROCK SLIDES OPEN, REVEALING THE CLEVERLY DISGUISED HEADQUARTERS OF... **SPACE RANGER!**

AND INSIDE, RICK CONFERS WITH HIS ODD LITTLE FRIEND, CRYLL, WHILE CHANGING INTO THE FAMED COSTUME OF THE **GUARDIAN OF THE UNIVERSE...**

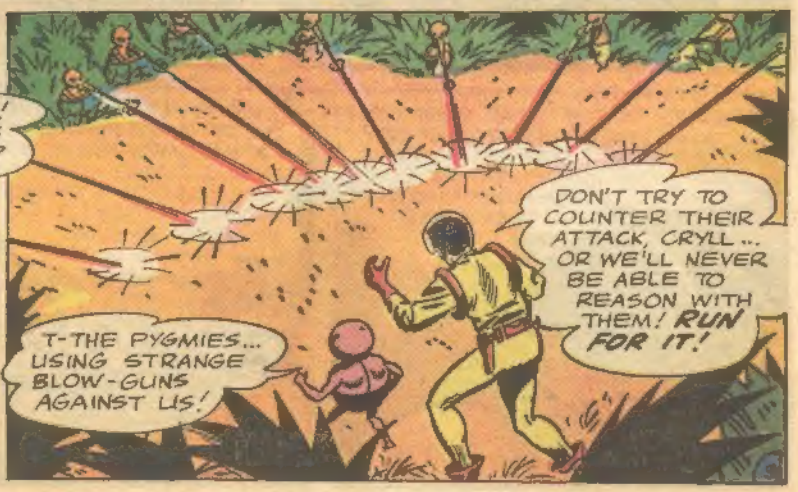
THE CALLISTO PYGMIES HAVE NEVER PUT OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR STRANGERS, CRYLL! BUT THIS IS ONE TIME WE CAN'T RESPECT THEIR PRIVACY!
LET'S GET BLASTING-- SIXTY HOURS ISN'T MUCH TIME, SPACE RANGER!

ITS POWERFUL ENGINES UNDER FULL THRUST, THE MIGHTY **SOLAR KING** SWEEPS THE PAIR ACROSS A VAST SEA OF SPACE... UNTIL...

AND AFTER THE CRAFT KNIFES THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SATELLITE...

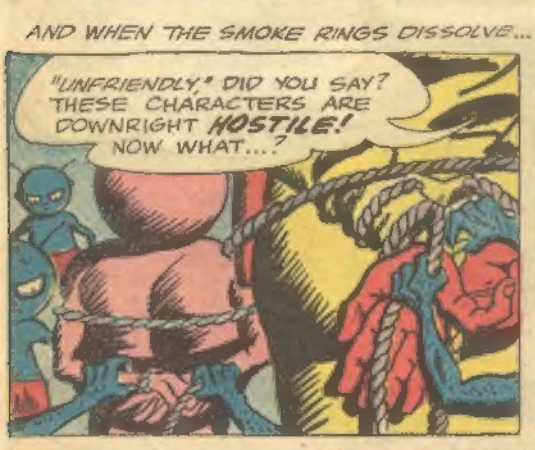
THERE IT IS... DOWN BELOW!
WE'LL LAND IN THAT CLEARING WE SPOTTED TO THE SOUTH AND APPROACH THE PYGMY VILLAGE ON FOOT! BUCKLE YOUR SAFETY BELT!

SHORTLY, ON A CRUDE JUNGLE TRAIL...


T-THE PYGMIES... USING STRANGE BLOW-GUNS AGAINST US!
DON'T TRY TO COUNTER THEIR ATTACK, CRYLL... OR WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REASON WITH THEM! RUN FOR IT!

PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
SMOKE RINGS FROM THE EXPLOSIVE DARTS...
TRY NOT TO BREATHE IN THE SMOKE, CRYLL!

BUT AS THE PAIR SPRINGS TOWARDS THE SIDE OF THE TRAIL...
TOO LATE!... GASP! MY HEAD'S SWIMMING... THEY'VE GOT US, CRYLL...

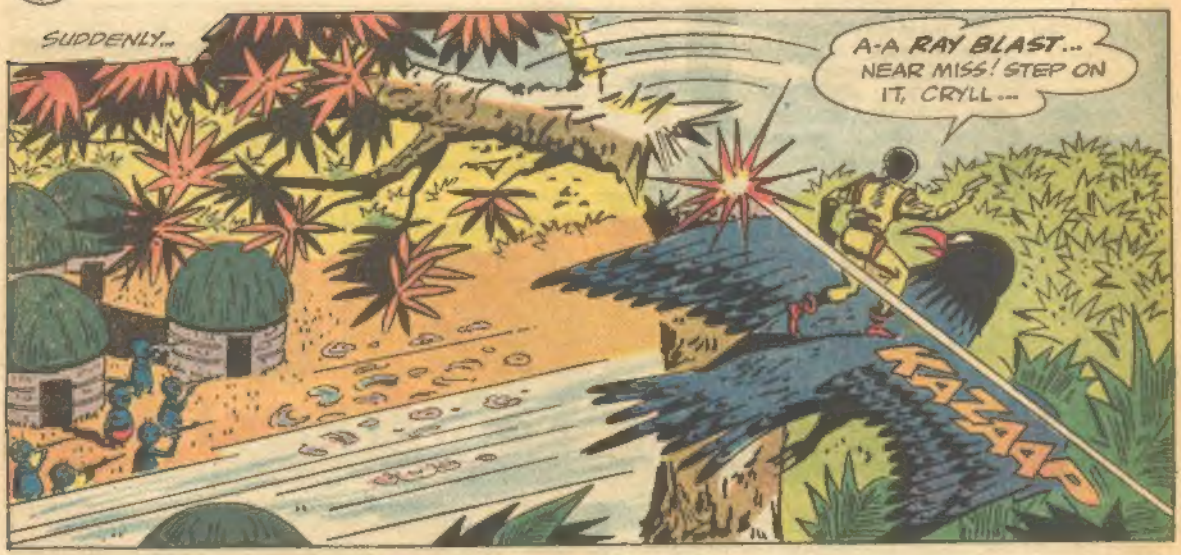

AND WHEN THE SMOKE RINGS DISSOLVE...
"UNFRIENDLY," DID YOU SAY? THESE CHARACTERS ARE DOWNRIGHT HOSTILE! NOW WHAT...?

SHORTLY, AS THE CAPTIVES ARE LED TO THE CHIEF...
FOR TRESPASSING UPON OUR FORBIDDEN LANDS AND ROBBING US OF OUR TRIBAL RELICS, I, CHIEF ROZIG, SENTENCE YOU TO DIE!
HUH...? TRIBAL RELICS?

OH, OH... THIS HOSTILE RECEPTION'S BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE! SOME FOOL EXPLORER MUST HAVE COME HERE AND ROBBED THEM! AND WE'RE TAKING THE RAP!...

CHIEF, I'M SPACE RANGER! WE'RE INNOCENT OF THIS CRIME! MY FRIEND, CRYLL, AND I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR SECRET TRIBAL POTION! IT IS NEEDED TO SAVE A MAN'S LIFE...
LIES!

YOU ARE THE ONLY OUTSIDERS AMONG US! AND NOW YOUR WAGGING TONGUES WILL BE SILENCED... BY THE DEATH DARTS AT DAWN! TAKE THEM AWAY...
AND LATER, AS THE PAIR IS THROWN INTO A PRISON HUT...
THE CHIEF DIDN'T BUY OUR STORY, CRYLL... WE MUST ESCAPE... PERHAPS WE CAN REASON WITH HIM LATER!
HERE I GO... ANOTHER TRANSFORMATION... A PLUTONIAN CATERPILLAR SHOULD DO THE TRICK...
THE AMAZING LITTLE CRYLL BRINGS HIS STRANGE POWERS INTO PLAY...
I'LL USE MY STRONG CATERPILLAR JAWS TO CUT YOU FREE, SPACE RANGER! THEN, I'LL CHANGE SO WE CAN FLY OUT OF THIS PLACE ...
...AS A CALLISTO BIRD, CRYLL! THEY MIGHT HESITATE AT SHOOTING ONE OF THEIR OWN PLANETARY CREATURES!
BUT A MOMENT LATER, AS THE CAPTIVES FLY THE COOP...
OH, OH... THEY'RE FIRING THOSE BIZARRE SMOKE DARTS AGAIN! BUT THIS TIME I'VE GOT AN ANSWER FOR THEM...
SHOOT! PLUCK THEM FROM THE AIR!
THE GUARDIAN OF SPACE QUICKLY ADJUSTS HIS MULTI-RAY GUN, AND...
A FEW BLASTS OF HIGH-PRESSURE AIR SHOULD KEEP THOSE SMOKE RINGS AWAY FROM US...
WHOOSH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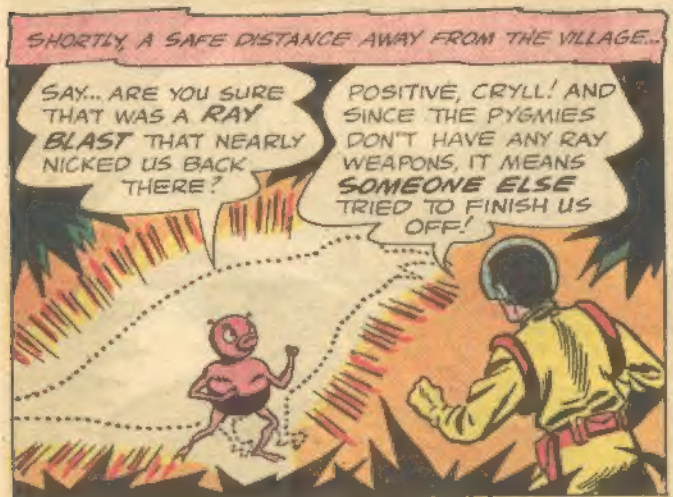
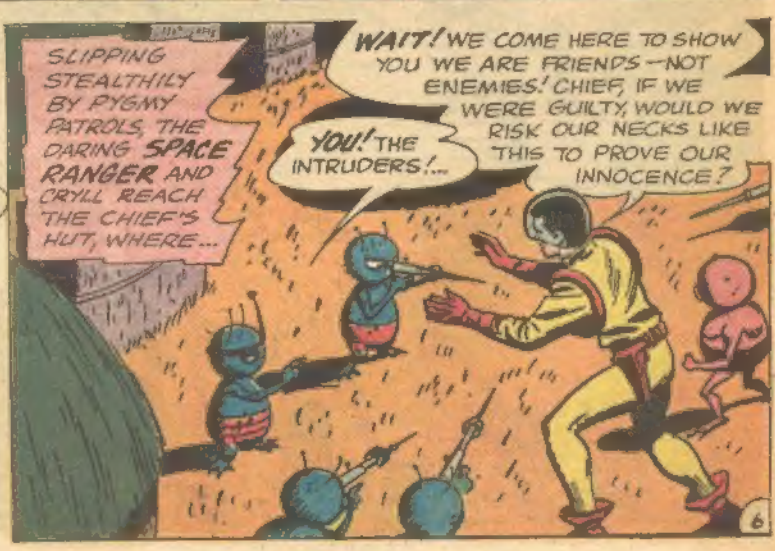
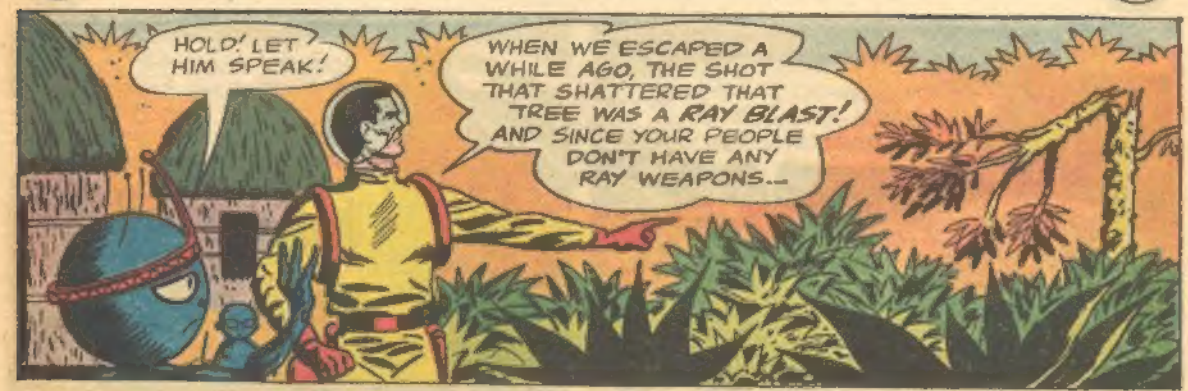
A-A RAY BLAST... NEAR MISS! STEP ON IT, CRYLL...
FAZAAP


SHORTLY, A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE...
SAY... ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS A RAY BLAST THAT NEARLY NICKED US BACK THERE?
POSITIVE, CRYLL! AND SINCE THE PYGMIES DON'T HAVE ANY RAY WEAPONS, IT MEANS SOMEONE ELSE TRIED TO FINISH US OFF!

THE CHARACTER WHO STOLE THE PYGMIES' RELICS! BUT WHY WOULD HE BE SO KEEN ON KILLING US?
THAT'S WHAT PUZZLES ME! AFTER PULLING OFF THAT THEFT, YOU'D THINK HE'D WANT TO BE A MILLION MILES FROM HERE!

HMM... BUT THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA, CRYLL! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE VILLAGE!
HUH...?

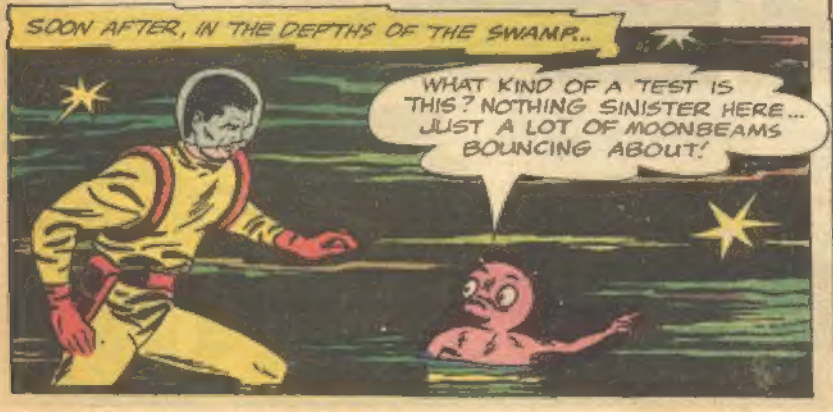

SLIPPING STEALTHILY BY PYGMY PATROLS, THE DARING SPACE RANGER AND CRYLL REACH THE CHIEF'S HUT, WHERE...
YOU! THE INTRUDERS!...
WAIT! WE COME HERE TO SHOW YOU WE ARE FRIENDS—NOT ENEMIES! CHIEF, IF WE WERE GUILTY, WOULD WE RISK OUR NECKS LIKE THIS TO PROVE OUR INNOCENCE?


HOLD! LET HIM SPEAK!
WHEN WE ESCAPED A WHILE AGO, THE SHOT THAT SHATTERED THAT TREE WAS A RAY BLAST! AND SINCE YOUR PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ANY RAY WEAPONS...

...IT MEANS THAT THERE MUST BE ANOTHER OUTSIDER HERE, WHO, FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, WANTS MY FRIEND AND ME OUT OF THE WAY!
YOUR WORDS ARE WISE AND RING WITH TRUTH, SPACE RANGER... I BELIEVE YOU!... AND YOU SAY YOU CAME HERE SEEKING OUR SECRET POTION?

YES... TO SAVE THE LIFE OF A FRIEND! AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT! MAY WE HAVE IT?
ONLY IF YOU CAN PASS TWO TESTS! FOR IT IS TRIBAL LAW THAT ONLY THOSE OUTSIDERS PROVEN WORTHY CAN POSSESS IT! COME...

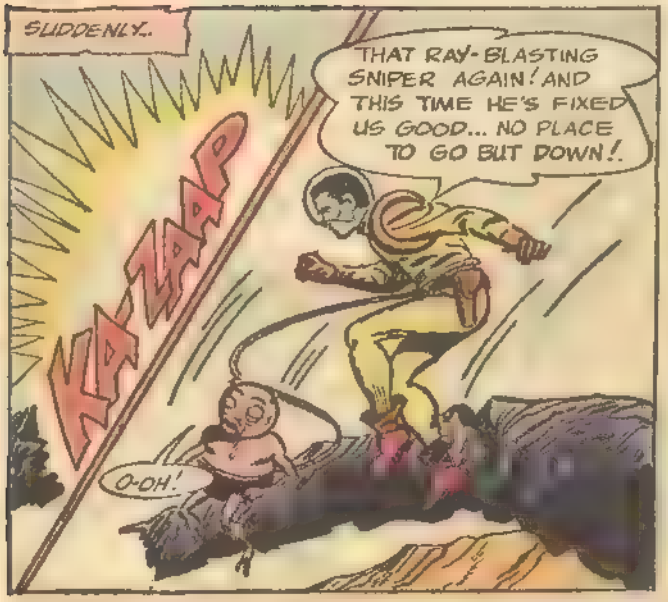
THE TWO "OUTSIDERS" ARE LED TO THE FRINGE OF AN EERIE SWAMP WHERE...
THE FIRST TEST IS THE CROSSING OF MOONBEAM SWAMP! WE WILL BE AWAITING YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE... IF YOU SURVIVE!
LET'S GO CRYLL! THE QUICKER WE GET THIS OVER WITH, THE SOONER WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY BACK TO MARS!

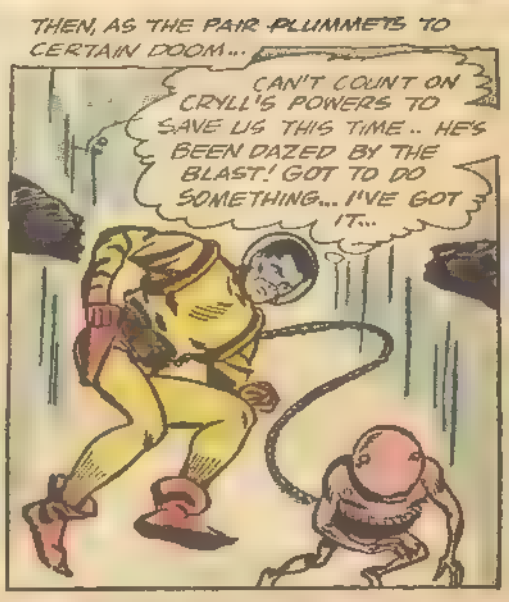

SOON AFTER, IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SWAMP...
WHAT KIND OF A TEST IS THIS? NOTHING SINISTER HERE... JUST A LOT OF MOONBEAMS BOUNCING ABOUT!

SUDDENLY...
THAT BEAM... I CAN'T SEEM TO TAKE MY EYES OFF IT!

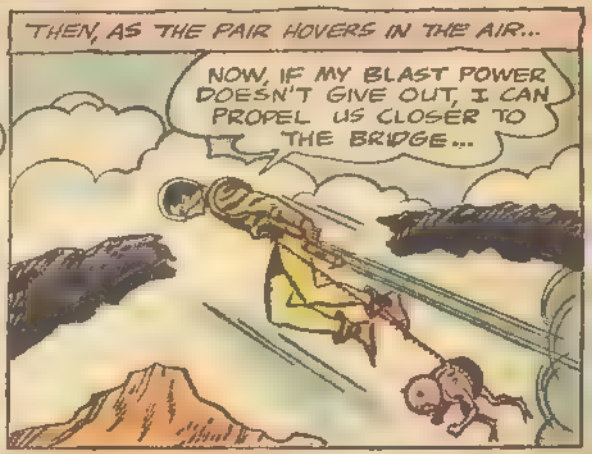
THEN...
CRYLL...WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU MAKING A TRANSFORMATION?
GRRRR...
GREAT PLANETS! CRYLL HAS LOST HIS SENSES--THAT FANTASTIC MOONBEAM HAS CAST A SPELL ON HIM AND TURNED HIM AGAINST ME!
NEXT MOMENT...
HUH? THE MOONBEAM...IT'S PENETRATING MY MIND... GOT TO DESTROY CRYLL...
UNDER THE WEIRD SPELL OF THE MOONBEAMS, THE TWO FORMER FRIENDS TURN ON ONE ANOTHER IN A FIGHT TO THE DEATH...
YOU'RE MY ENEMY--I'LL BLAST YOU WITH MY RAY GUN!
BUT A FLASH OF REALITY SUDDENLY STABS SPACE RANGER'S MIND, AND...
W-WHAT ARE WE DOING? GOT TO DESTROY THAT FIENDISH MOONBEAM... BEFORE IT DRIVES US TO KILL EACH OTHER...

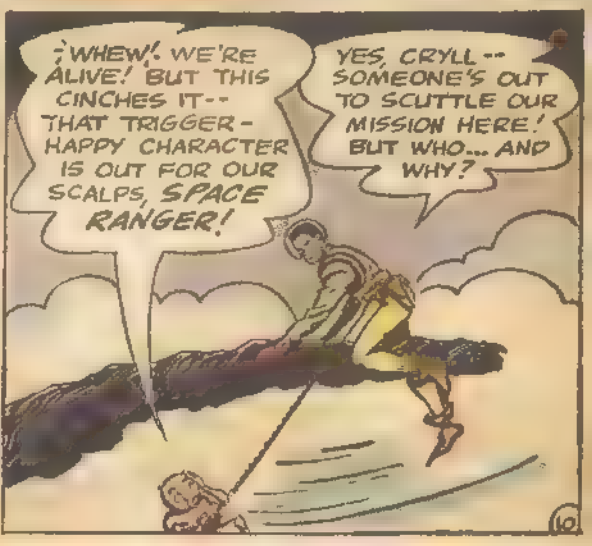
AN INSTANT LATER A RAY BLAST BOOMS THROUGH THE SWAMP AND.
THAT DID IT-- THE FREEZE BLAST SOLIDIFIED THE MOONBEAM
CRYLL... COME TO YOUR SENSES...
W-WHERE AM I...? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
AND AFTER CRYLL CHANGES..
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE! HERE PUT THESE GOGGLES ON -- THEY'LL PROTECT US AGAINST THE OTHER NIGHT-MARISH BEAMS!
LET'S GET OUT OF THIS PLACE FAST SPACE RANGER!
AND SHORTLY.
BEHOLD... THEY SURVIVED!
LET'S GET TO THE LAST TEST, CHIEF -- TIME IS SHORT!
SPACE RANGER AND CRYLL ARE LED TO A TOWERING MOON PEAK, WHERE...
TIED TOGETHER, YOU MUST BOTH CROSS THE DANGEROUS BRIDGE OF TWIN PEAKS! IF ONE LOSES HIS FOOTING.. THEN BOTH WILL PERISH!
IT DOESN'T LOOK TOUGH FOR A TEAM LIKE US SPACE RANGER!
BUT AS THE TWO CAREFULLY TREAD THEIR WAY ACROSS THE WEATHER-WORN BRIDGE...
YIPES! POWERFUL WIND BLASTS FROM THE CANYON.. THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS DANGEROUS!
JUST DON'T TENSE UP, CRYLL... RELAX AND KEEP MOVING! WE'RE MORE THAN HALF-WAY THERE...

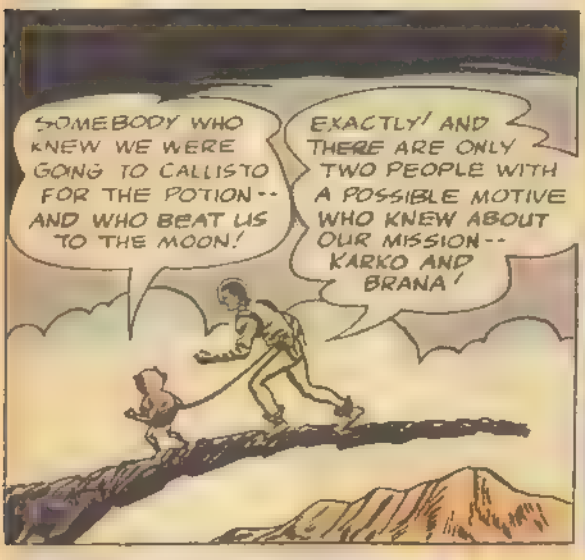

SUDDENLY..
KA-ZAAP
THAT RAY-BLASTING SNIPER AGAIN! AND THIS TIME HE'S FIXED US GOOD... NO PLACE TO GO BUT DOWN!.
O-OH!

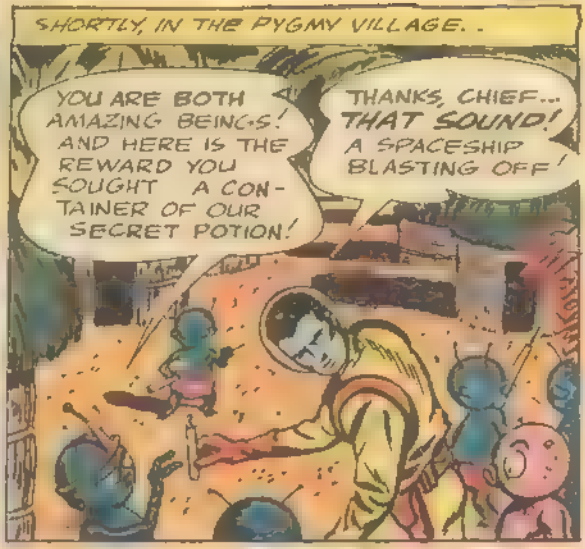

THEN, AS THE PAIR PLUMMETS TO CERTAIN DOOM...
CAN'T COUNT ON CRYLL'S POWERS TO SAVE US THIS TIME.. HE'S BEEN DAZED BY THE BLAST! GOT TO DO SOMETHING... I'VE GOT IT...

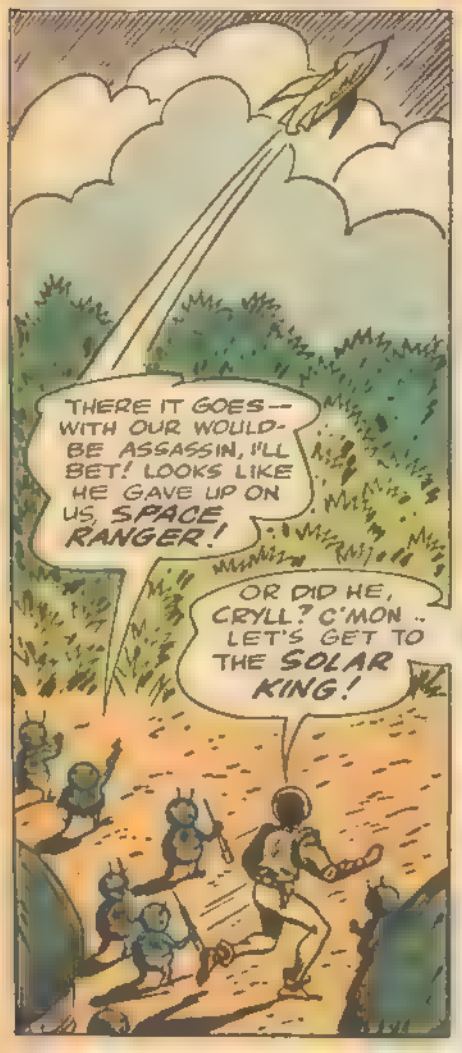
THE DESPERATE SPACE RANGER STIFFENS HIS ARMS DOWNWARD AND..
THESE FULL BLASTS OF HIGH-PRESSURE AIR DOWNWARD FROM BOTH RAY GUNS ARE COUNTERING OUR FALL ...

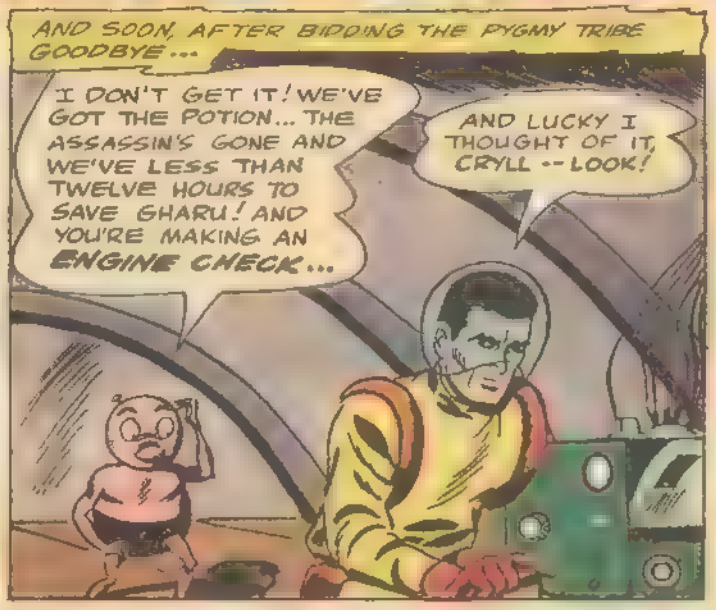

THEN, AS THE PAIR HOVERS IN THE AIR..
NOW, IF MY BLAST POWER DOESN'T GIVE OUT, I CAN PROPEL US CLOSER TO THE BRIDGE...

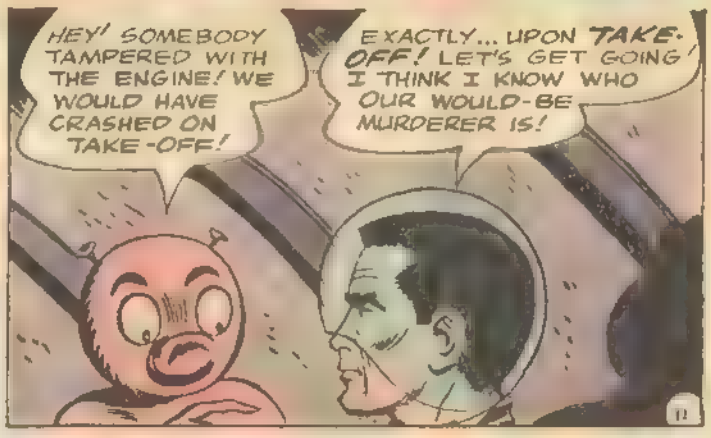

¡WHEW! WE'RE ALIVE! BUT THIS CINCHES IT-- THAT TRIGGER-HAPPY CHARACTER IS OUT FOR OUR SCALPS, SPACE RANGER!
YES, CRYLL -- SOMEONE'S OUT TO SCUTTLE OUR MISSION HERE! BUT WHO... AND WHY?


SOMEBODY WHO KNEW WE WERE GOING TO CALLISTO FOR THE POTION -- AND WHO BEAT US TO THE MOON!
EXACTLY! AND THERE ARE ONLY TWO PEOPLE WITH A POSSIBLE MOTIVE WHO KNEW ABOUT OUR MISSION -- KARKO AND BRANA!


SHORTLY, IN THE PYGMY VILLAGE. .
YOU ARE BOTH AMAZING BEINGS! AND HERE IS THE REWARD YOU SOUGHT A CONTAINER OF OUR SECRET POTION!
THANKS, CHIEF... THAT SOUND! A SPACESHIP BLASTING OFF!


THERE IT GOES -- WITH OUR WOULD-BE ASSASSIN, I'LL BET! LOOKS LIKE HE GAVE UP ON US, SPACE RANGER!
OR DID HE, CRYLL? C'MON .. LET'S GET TO THE SOLAR KING!


AND SOON, AFTER BIDDING THE PYGMY TRIBE GOODBYE...
I DON'T GET IT! WE'VE GOT THE POTION... THE ASSASSIN'S GONE AND WE'VE LESS THAN TWELVE HOURS TO SAVE GHARU! AND YOU'RE MAKING AN ENGINE CHECK...
AND LUCKY I THOUGHT OF IT, CRYLL -- LOOK!


HEY! SOMEBODY TAMPERED WITH THE ENGINE! WE WOULD HAVE CRASHED ON TAKE-OFF!
EXACTLY... UPON TAKE-OFF! LET'S GET GOING! I THINK I KNOW WHO OUR WOULD-BE MURDERER IS!

RETURNING TO MARS UNDER FULL ROCKET THRUST, THEY RACE TO THE HOSPITAL ...
S-SPACE RANGER! YOU... HAVE THE SECRET POTION?
YES...
BUT NO THANKS TO YOU, BRANA!
SPACE RANGER-- HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES?
GHARU'S FLYING MISHAP WAS NO ACCIDENT--HIS SKY-MOBILE WAS SABOTAGED BY HIS NEPHEW, BRANA! I TUMBLED TO THIS WHEN HE TRIED TO SABOTAGE MY SOLAR KING ON CALLISTO.
THAT'S RIGHT! SPACE RANGER FIGURED IT TOOK AN EXPERT MECHANIC TO DO SUCH A SKILLFUL JOB! AND ONLY ONE MECHANIC WE KNEW OF WOULD PROFIT BY GHARU'S DEATH!...
HIS TRUSTED NEPHEW, BRANA OUR PLANT'S TOP TECHNICIAN!
WELL, AT LEAST HE FAILED IN HIS FIENDISH SCHEME, KARKO GHARU WILL RECOVER NOW THANKS TO A STRANGE LITTLE TRIBE OF PYGMIES MANY THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY!
THE END

Tootsie Rolls go on and on after other candy is gone! Chew, chewy, chewy, chew, mmm!
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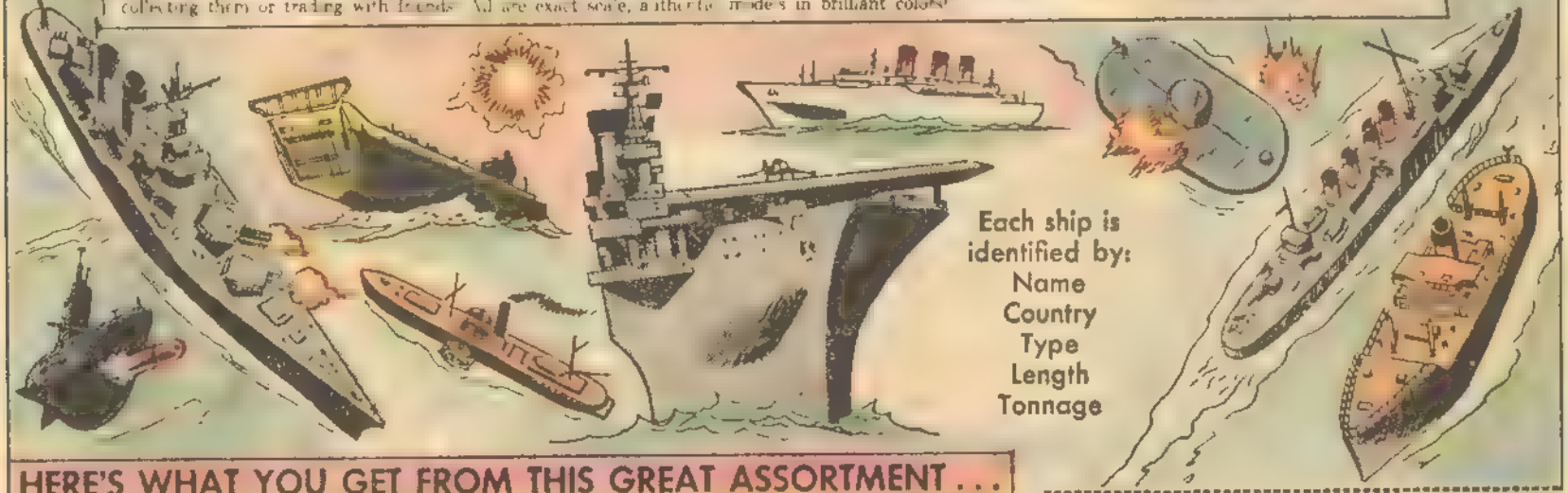

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ADAM! THE OPENING IN THAT HYDRA-HEAD HAS SPRAYED US WITH A STRANGE STICKY LIQUID! I-I CAN'T BLAST OFF!

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AT THE HEIGHT OF A FESTIVAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, A YOUNG EARTH ARCHEOLOGIST GLANCES AT HIS WATCH AND..
OH, OH... NEARLY MIDNIGHT! TIME FOR ME TO MEET MY GIRL FRIEND, SENORITA...
IS THERE NOTHING I CAN DO TO ENTICE YOU TO STAY, SENOR?
...NOTHING AT ALL?
S-SORRY, SENORITA... BUT MY GAL'S GOT PRIORITY! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
THIS I CANNOT BELIEVE -- HE IS THE FIRST MAN TO RESIST MY CHARMS!
DO NOT BE OFFENDED, MARIA -- THE AMERICAN, ADAM STRANGE, HAS A REPUTATION FOR DASHING OFF ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT! A STRANGE ONE, INDEED...
AND ADAM'S DESTINATION IS EVEN STRANGER! FOR SHORTLY, ATOP FAMED SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN...
THE ZETA-BEAM'S DUE TO HIT N THE CENTER OF THE ROCK CLUSTER! TIME TO START COUNTDOWN... TEN.. NINE ...EIGHT...
AT "ZERO" COUNT, THE ZETA-BEAM STRIKES ADAM STRANGE FROM ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE...
AND INSTANTLY, THE EARTH-MAN IS TELEPORTED TO THE PLANET RANN OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA-CENTAURI...
...WHERE HIS SWEETHEART, ALANNA OF RANAGAR, IS WAITING FOR HIM..
ADAM, DARLING... YOU'RE BACK! I'VE MISSED YOU SO...
COME AND PROVE IT TO ME, HONEY..
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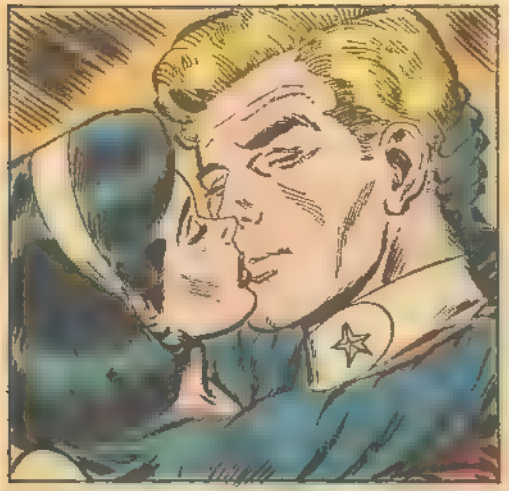
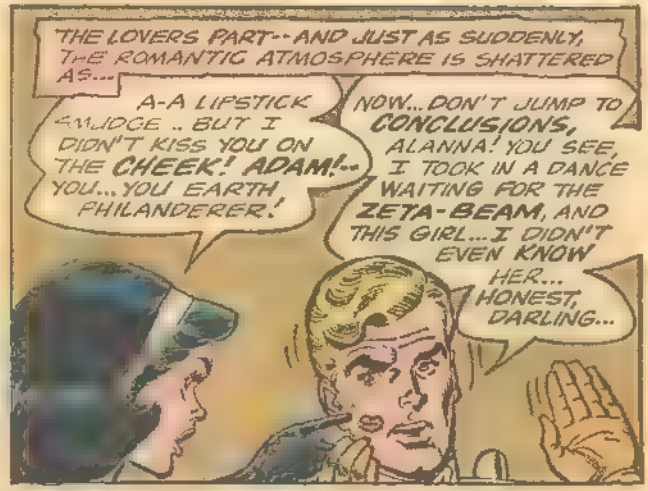
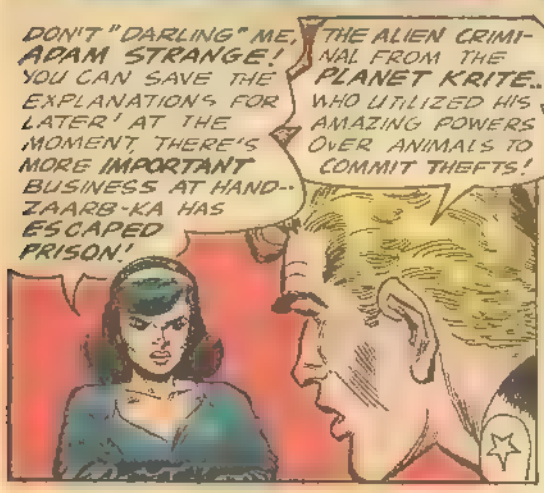
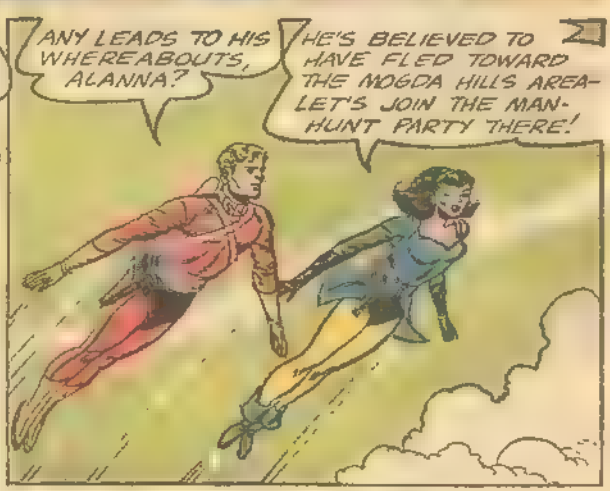
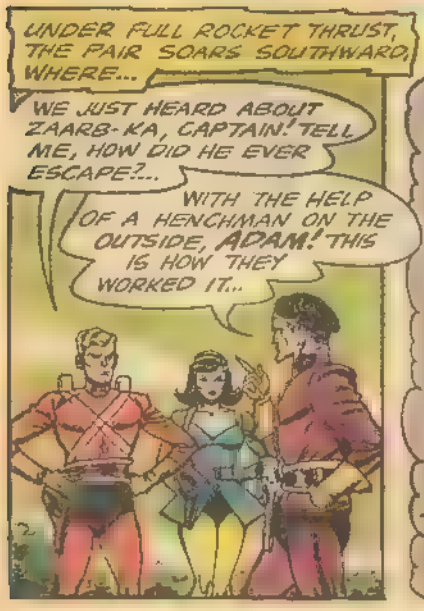
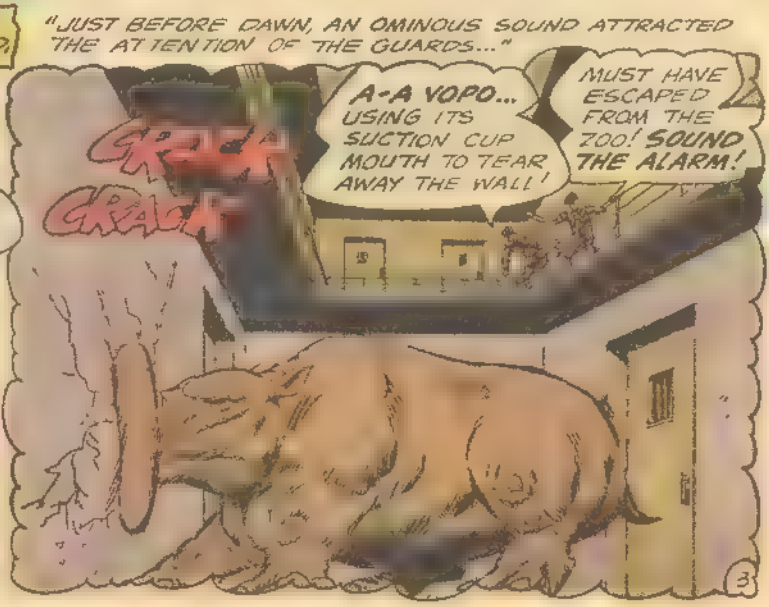



THE LOVERS PART--AND JUST AS SUDDENLY, THE ROMANTIC ATMOSPHERE IS SHATTERED AS...
A-A LIPSTICK SMUDGE .. BUT I DIDN'T KISS YOU ON THE CHEEK! ADAM!-- YOU... YOU EARTH PHILANDERER!
NOW... DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, ALANNA! YOU SEE, I TOOK IN A DANCE WAITING FOR THE ZETA-BEAM, AND THIS GIRL... I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HER... HONEST, DARLING...


DON'T "DARLING" ME, ADAM STRANGE! YOU CAN SAVE THE EXPLANATIONS FOR LATER! AT THE MOMENT THERE'S MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT HAND-- ZAARB-KA HAS ESCAPED PRISON!
THE ALIEN CRIMINAL FROM THE PLANET KRITE... WHO UTILIZED HIS AMAZING POWERS OVER ANIMALS TO COMMIT THEFTS!


ANY LEADS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS, ALANNA?
HE'S BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED TOWARD THE MOGDA HILLS AREA- LET'S JOIN THE MAN-HUNT PARTY THERE!


UNDER FULL ROCKET THRUST, THE PAIR SOARS SOUTHWARD, WHERE...
WE JUST HEARD ABOUT ZAARB-KA, CAPTAIN! TELL ME, HOW DID HE EVER ESCAPE?...
WITH THE HELP OF A HENCHMAN ON THE OUTSIDE, ADAM! THIS IS HOW THEY WORKED IT...


"JUST BEFORE DAWN, AN OMINOUS SOUND ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE GUARDS..."
GRACK GRACK
A-A VOPO... USING ITS SUCTION CUP MOUTH TO TEAR AWAY THE WALL!
MUST HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO! SOUND THE ALARM!

"BUT, OF COURSE, IT HADN'T ESCAPED--ZAARB-KA'S HENCHMAN HAD TRANSPORTED THE BEAST THERE FOR A VERY SPECIAL REASON..."
EXCELLENT... THE CREATURE OBEYED MY EVERY MENTAL COMMAND! FREEDOM IS MINE!--HA, HA, HA!
IN THE CONFUSION, ZAARB-KA SLIPPED AWAY FROM US! HE WAS LAST SEEN SPEEDING IN THIS DIRECTION, IN A STOLEN JET-MOBILE! MY MEN ARE SCOURING THE AREA!
WE'LL GET 'EM!
ADAM AND ALANNA AIR-SEARCH THE AREA--AND UPON OBSERVING A DUST TRAIL FROM THE TERRAIN BELOW...
IT'S ZAARB-KA AND HIS HENCHMAN... ON THE OLD DIRT ROAD TO THE VALLEY OF CAVERNS!
YES... THAT MAZE OF CAVES WOULD BE A LOGICAL HIDE-OUT! BUT THEY'LL NEVER REACH THEIR DESTINATION NOW!
BUT THEN, AS THE PAIR SWOOPS DOWN...
IT'S THAT MEDDLING EARTHLING, ADAM STRANGE, AND HIS GIRL FRIEND... TAKE WING, MAGNETO BIRD!
OH-OH... LOOKS LIKE ZAARB-KA'S BROUGHT ALONG A LITTLE ANIMAL PROTECTION--A WINGED BODY-GUARD!
I'LL TRY TO DAZE IT WITH A STUN BLAST... H-HUH.
THE BIRD'S MAGNETIC FEET... THEY'VE PLUCKED OUR PISTOLS RIGHT OUT OF OUR HANDS!
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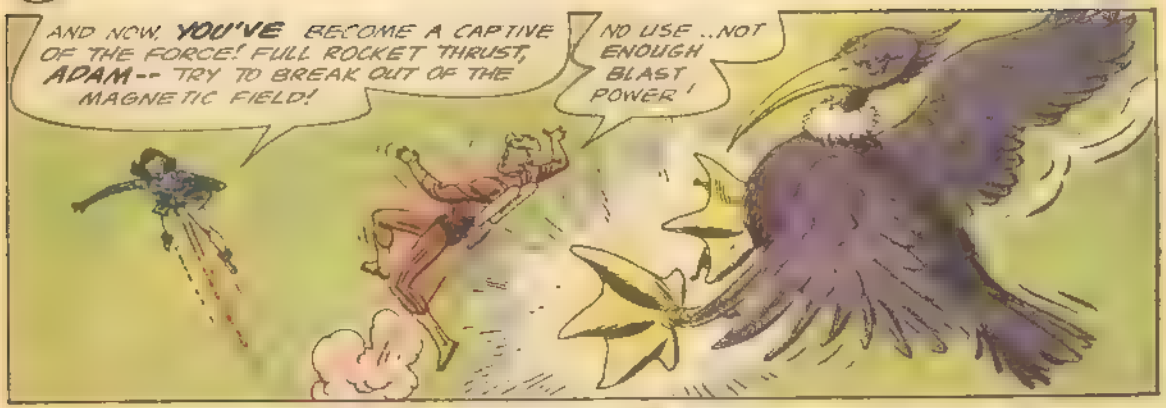
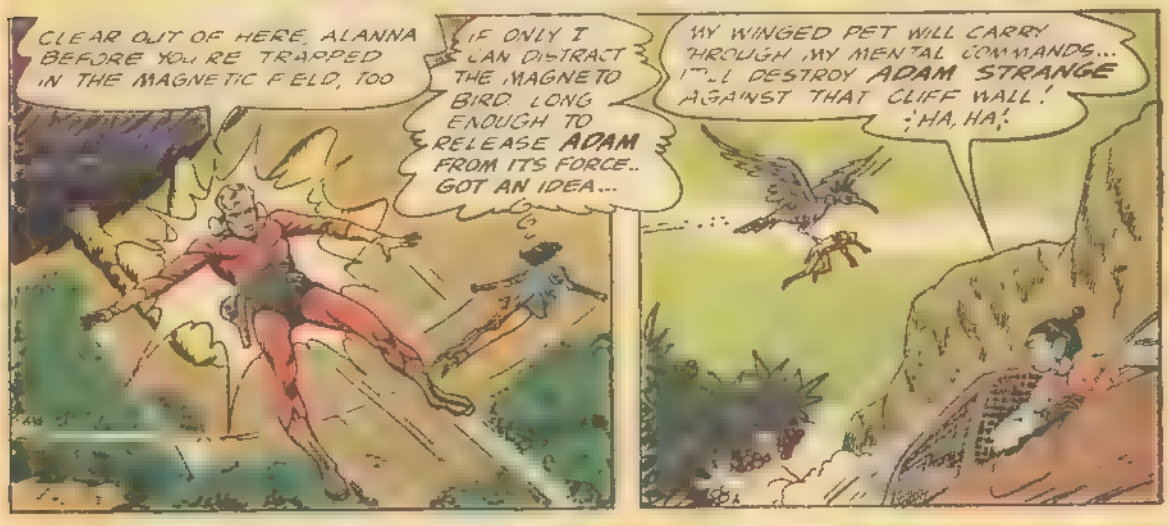
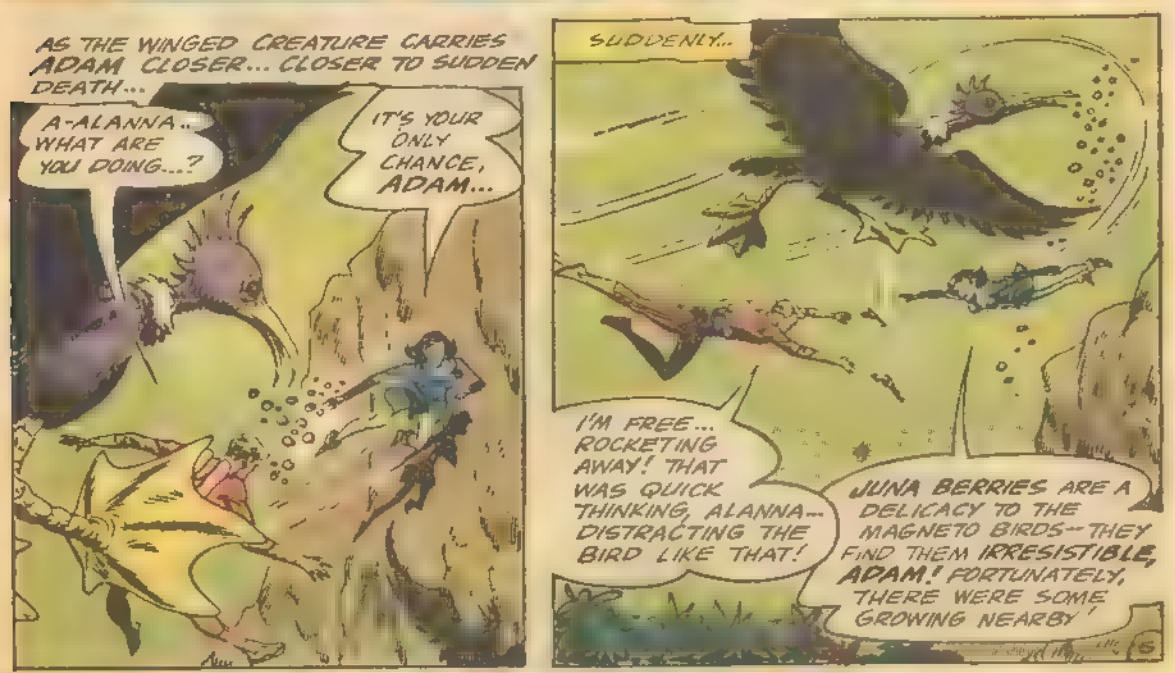
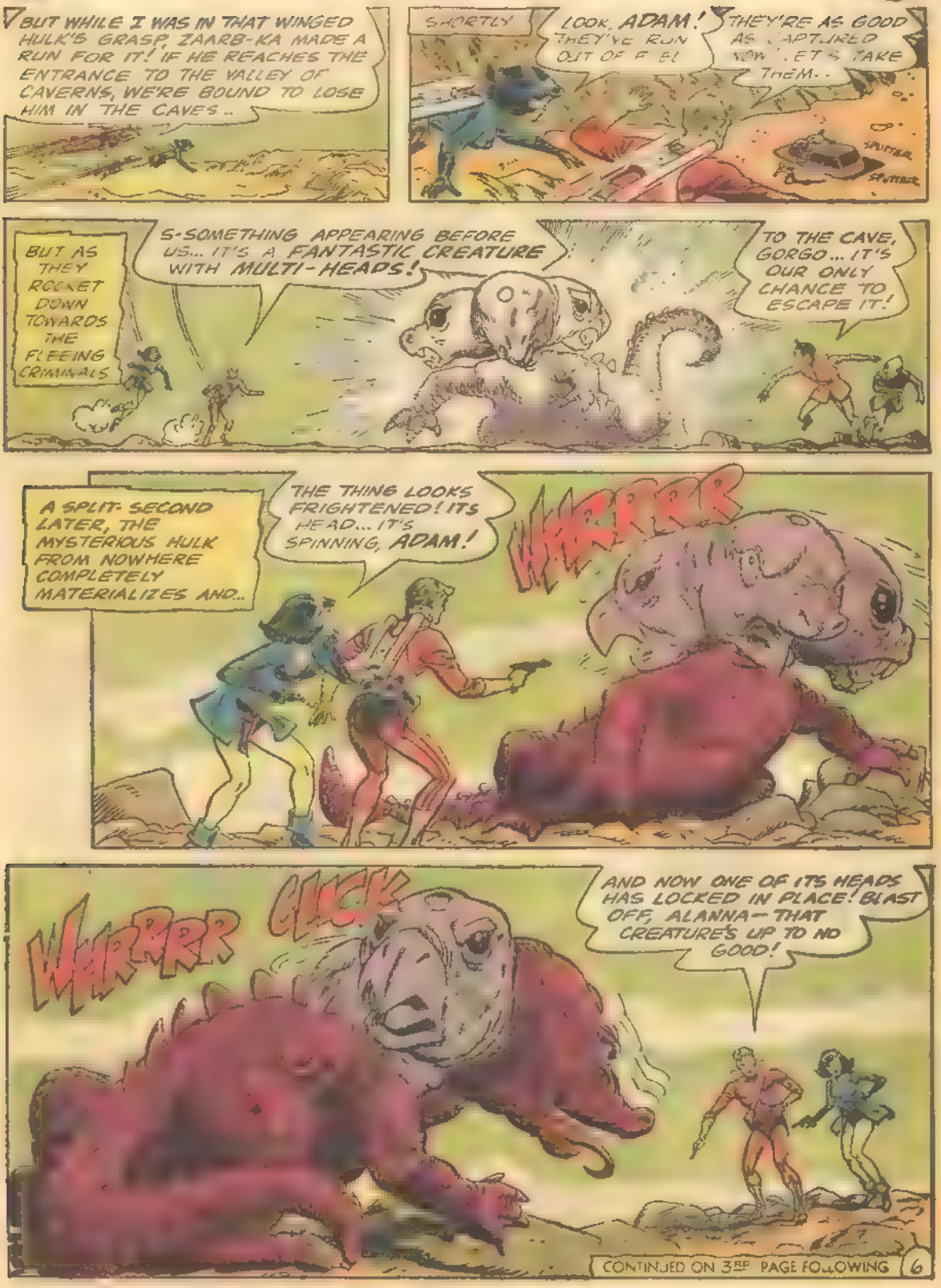

AND NOW, YOU'VE BECOME A CAPTIVE OF THE FORCE! FULL ROCKET THRUST, ADAM-- TRY TO BREAK OUT OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD!
NO USE ..NOT ENOUGH BLAST POWER!


CLEAR OUT OF HERE, ALANNA BEFORE YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THE MAGNETIC FIELD, TOO
IF ONLY I CAN DISTRACT THE MAGNETO BIRD LONG ENOUGH TO RELEASE ADAM FROM IT'S FORCE.. GOT AN IDEA...
MY WINGED PET WILL CARRY THROUGH MY MENTAL COMMANDS... I'LL DESTROY ADAM STRANGE AGAINST THAT CLIFF WALL! HA, HA!


AS THE WINGED CREATURE CARRIES ADAM CLOSER... CLOSER TO SUDDEN DEATH...
A-ALANNA.. WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE, ADAM...
SUDDENLY..
I'M FREE... ROCKETING AWAY! THAT WAS QUICK THINKING, ALANNA-- DISTRACTING THE BIRD LIKE THAT!
JUNA BERRIES ARE A DELICACY TO THE MAGNETO BIRDS--THEY FIND THEM IRRESISTIBLE, ADAM! FORTUNATELY, THERE WERE SOME GROWING NEARBY!


BUT WHILE I WAS IN THAT WINGED HULK'S GRASP, ZAARB-KA MADE A RUN FOR IT! IF HE REACHES THE ENTRANCE TO THE VALLEY OF CAVERNS, WE'RE BOUND TO LOSE HIM IN THE CAVES..
SHORTLY
LOOK, ADAM! THEY'VE RUN OUT OF F.B!
THEY'RE AS GOOD AS CAPTURED NOW! LET'S TAKE THEM..
SPITTER SPITTER
BUT AS THEY ROCKET DOWN TOWARDS THE FLEEING CRIMINALS
S-SOMETHING APPEARING BEFORE US... IT'S A FANTASTIC CREATURE WITH MULTI-HEADS!
TO THE CAVE, GORGO... IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE IT!
A SPLIT-SECOND LATER, THE MYSTERIOUS HULK FROM NOWHERE COMPLETELY MATERIALIZES AND..
THE THING LOOKS FRIGHTENED! ITS HEAD... IT'S SPINNING, ADAM!
WHRRRR
WHRRRR
CLICK
AND NOW ONE OF ITS HEADS HAS LOCKED IN PLACE! BLAST OFF, ALANNA— THAT CREATURE'S UP TO NO GOOD!

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BOYS! MEN!

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, ripply human MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with exploding virile MAN MUSCLE. I can ram that caved in chest and build on six rugged inches of surging sleek MANHOOD. THEN I will cover it all up with a GIANT BRAWNY DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! I do it with NO tiring exercise, NO high priced bar bells or gym equipment!

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STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

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Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man apteal. I can build three inches of beef and power on your shoulders. I will mould you a handsome super-body of terrific strength give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A jean tank rock-solid pants proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

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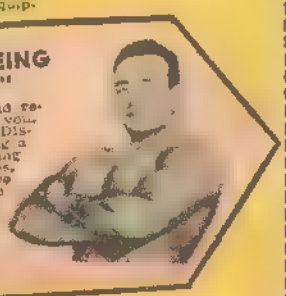

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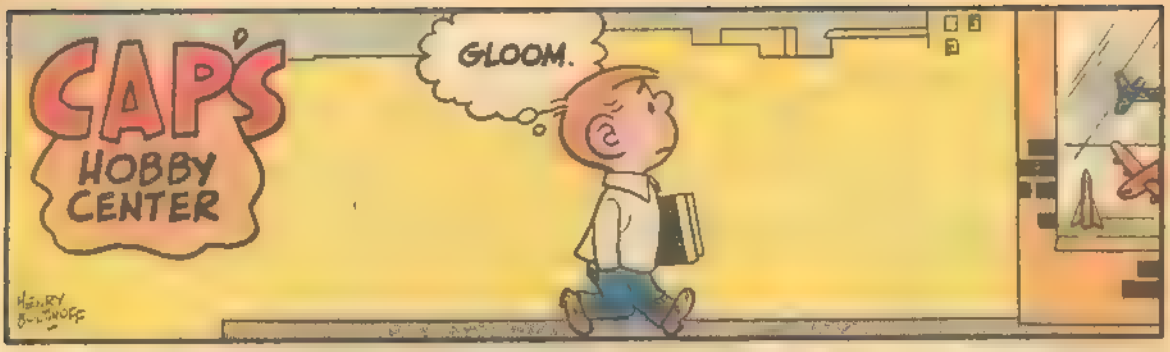

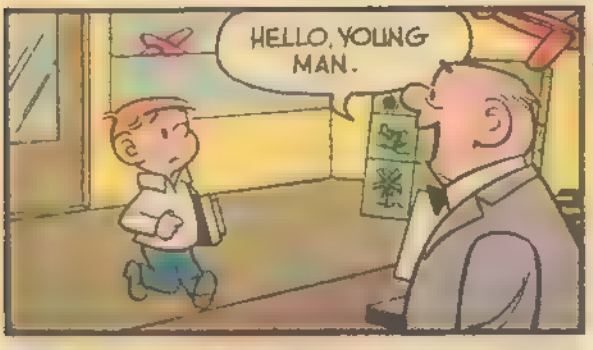

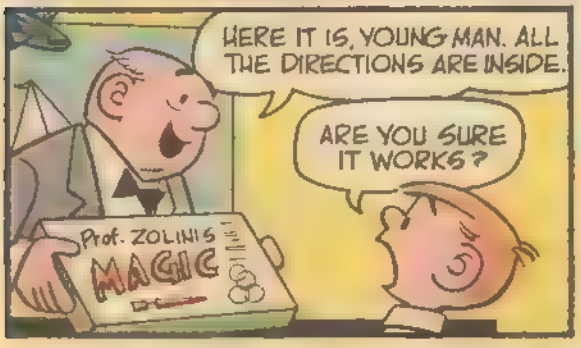

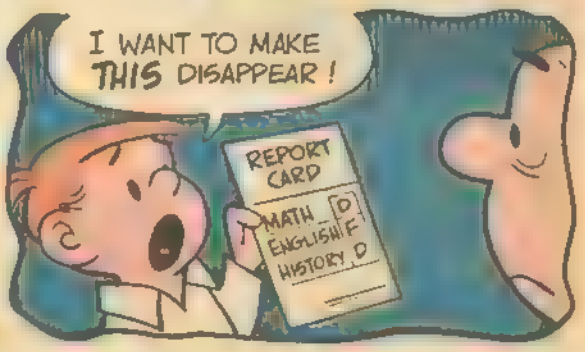

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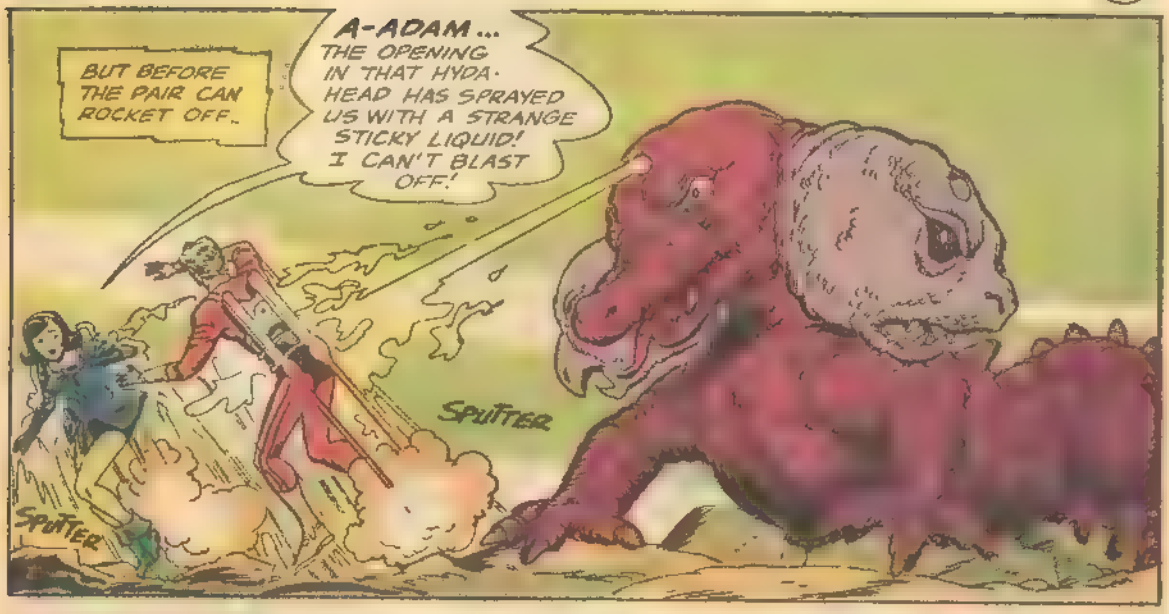
BUT BEFORE THE PAIR CAN ROCKET OFF..
A-ADAM... THE OPENING IN THAT HYDA-HEAD HAS SPRAYED US WITH A STRANGE STICKY LIQUID! I CAN'T BLAST OFF!
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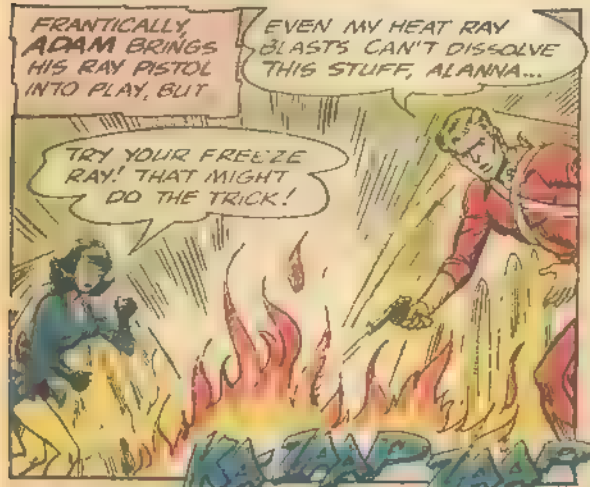
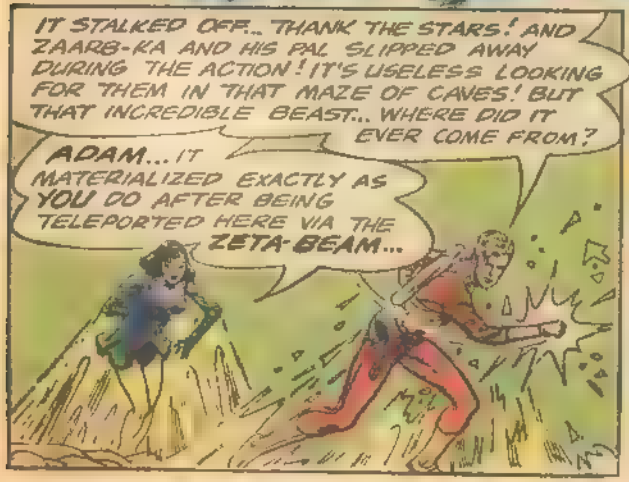
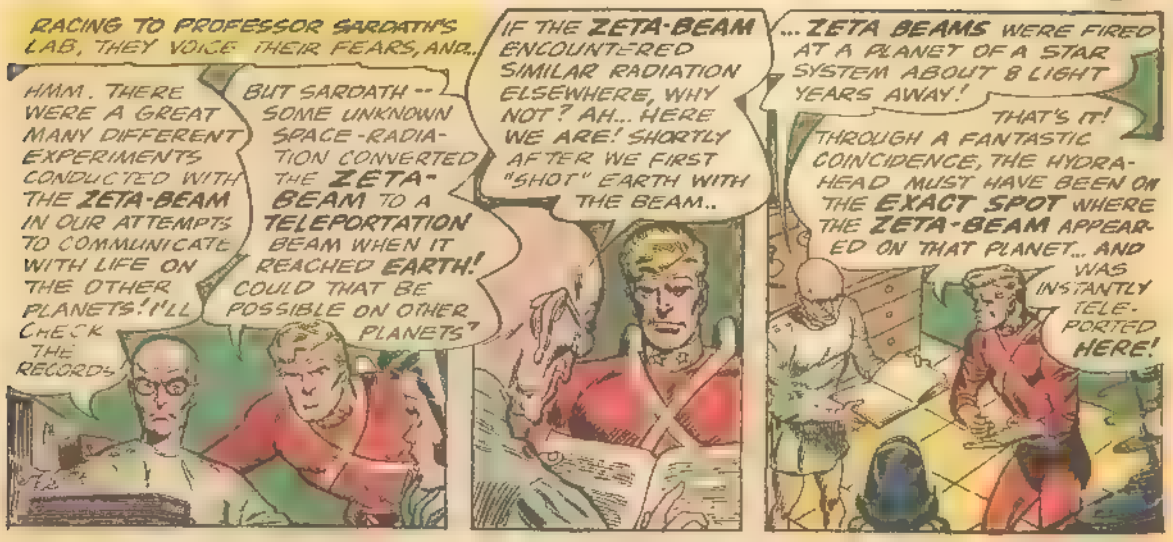
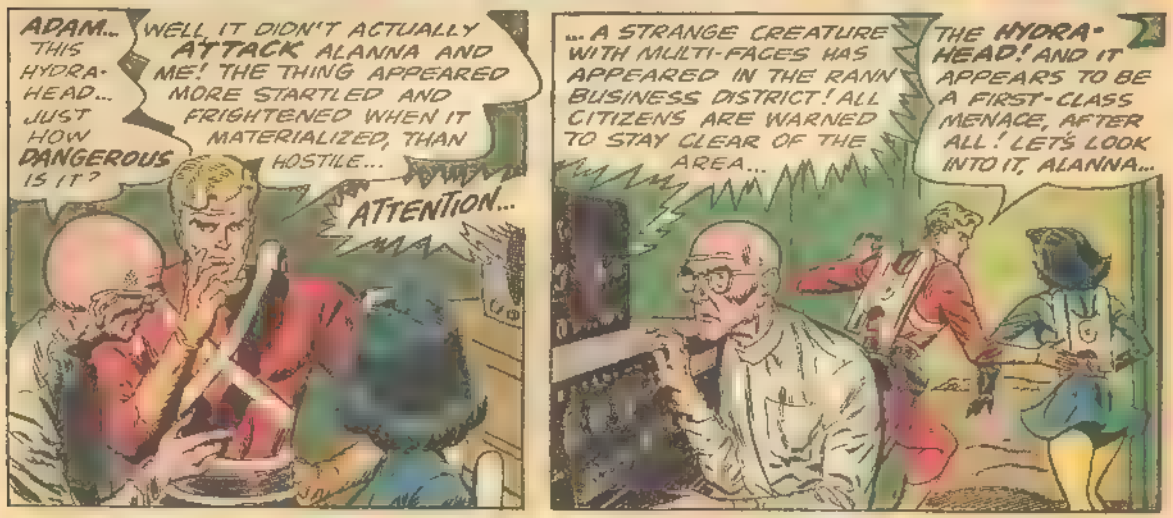

FRANTICALLY, ADAM BRINGS HIS RAY PISTOL INTO PLAY, BUT
EVEN MY HEAT RAY BLASTS CAN'T DISSOLVE THIS STUFF, ALANNA...
TRY YOUR FREEZE RAY! THAT MIGHT DO THE TRICK!
KA-ZAAP ZAAP

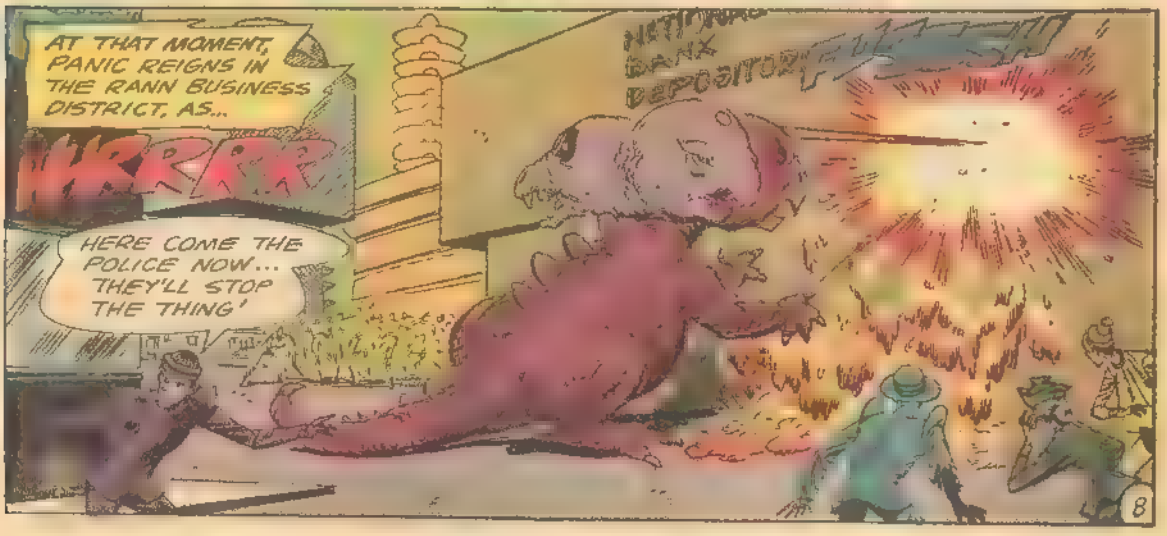
THAT DID IT...SOLIDIFIED THE GLUE! NOW, I'LL PUNCH OUR WAY OUT OF HERE!
THAT HYDRA-HEADED CREATURE, ADAM ... WHERE IS IT NOW?

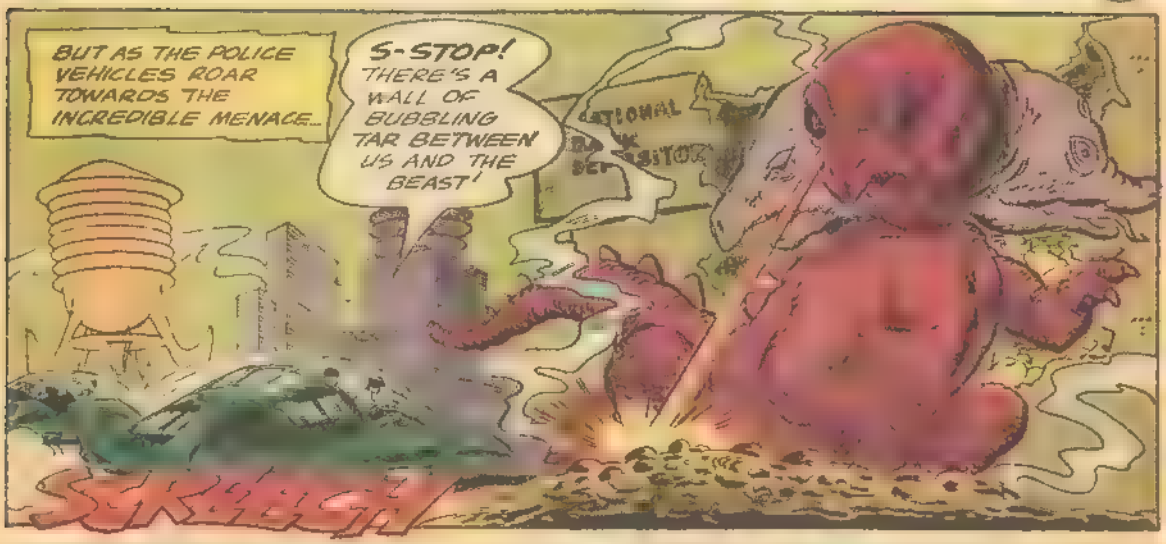

IT STALKED OFF... THANK THE STARS! AND ZAARB-KA AND HIS PAL SLIPPED AWAY DURING THE ACTION! IT'S USELESS LOOKING FOR THEM IN THAT MAZE OF CAVES! BUT THAT INCREDIBLE BEAST... WHERE DID IT EVER COME FROM?
ADAM... IT MATERIALIZED EXACTLY AS YOU DO AFTER BEING TELEPORTED HERE VIA THE ZETA-BEAM...

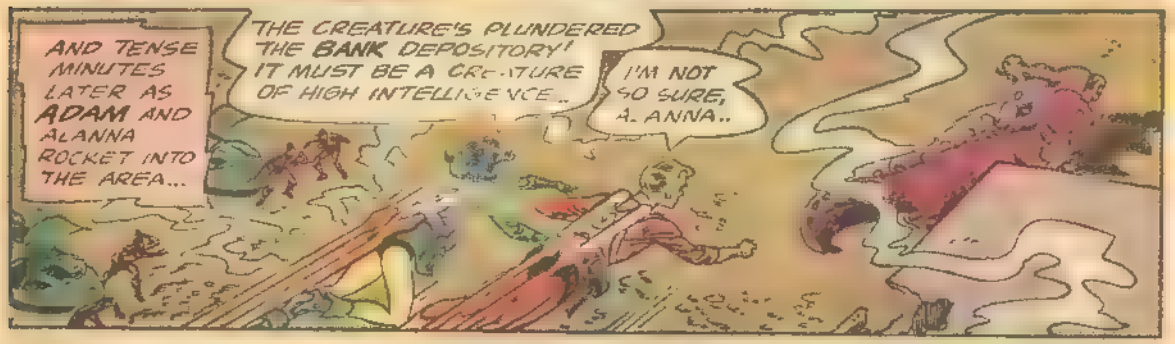
... YOU DON'T THINK THAT CREATURE...?
CAME HERE THROUGH A ZETA-BEAM? IT'S THE ONE LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR HIS SUDDEN APPEARANCE, ALANNA! BUT THAT HYDRA-HEAD DIDN'T COME FROM EARTH! WE'D BETTER CHECK WITH YOUR FATHER-- FAST!

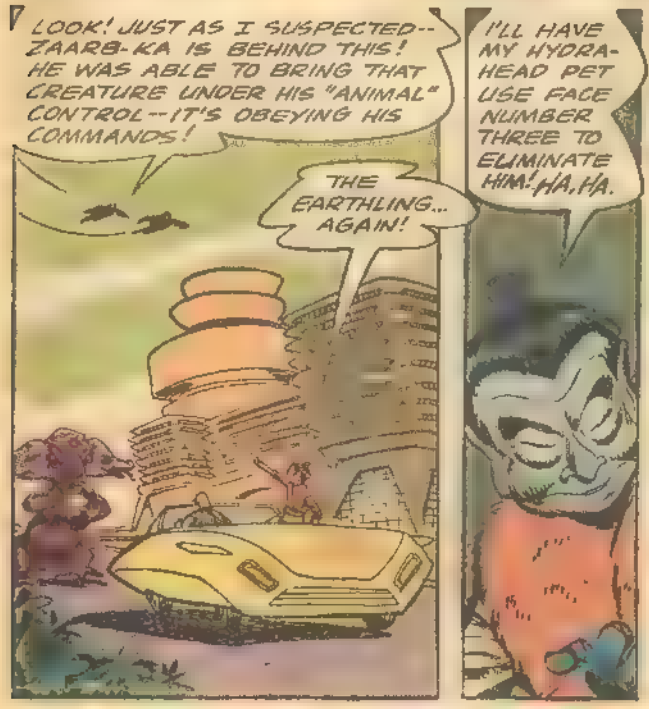

RACING TO PROFESSOR SARDATH'S LAB, THEY VOICE THEIR FEARS, AND..
HMM. THERE WERE A GREAT MANY DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED WITH THE ZETA-BEAM IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH LIFE ON THE OTHER PLANETS! I'LL CHECK THE RECORDS
BUT SARDATH -- SOME UNKNOWN SPACE-RADIATION CONVERTED THE ZETA-BEAM TO A TELEPORTATION BEAM WHEN IT REACHED EARTH! COULD THAT BE POSSIBLE ON OTHER PLANETS?
IF THE ZETA-BEAM ENCOUNTERED SIMILAR RADIATION ELSEWHERE, WHY NOT? AH... HERE WE ARE! SHORTLY AFTER WE FIRST "SHOT" EARTH WITH THE BEAM..
... ZETA BEAMS WERE FIRED AT A PLANET OF A STAR SYSTEM ABOUT 8 LIGHT YEARS AWAY!
THAT'S IT! THROUGH A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE, THE HYDRA-HEAD MUST HAVE BEEN ON THE EXACT SPOT WHERE THE ZETA-BEAM APPEARED ON THAT PLANET... AND WAS INSTANTLY TELEPORTED HERE!


ADAM... THIS HYDRA-HEAD... JUST HOW DANGEROUS IS IT?
WELL IT DIDN'T ACTUALLY ATTACK ALANNA AND ME! THE THING APPEARED MORE STARTLED AND FRIGHTENED WHEN IT MATERIALIZED, THAN HOSTILE...
ATTENTION...
... A STRANGE CREATURE WITH MULTI-FACES HAS APPEARED IN THE RANN BUSINESS DISTRICT! ALL CITIZENS ARE WARNED TO STAY CLEAR OF THE AREA...
THE HYDRA-HEAD! AND IT APPEARS TO BE A FIRST-CLASS MENACE, AFTER ALL! LET'S LOOK INTO IT, ALANNA...


AT THAT MOMENT, PANIC REIGNS IN THE RANN BUSINESS DISTRICT, AS..
HERE COME THE POLICE NOW... THEY'LL STOP THE THING!


BUT AS THE POLICE VEHICLES ROAR TOWARDS THE INCREDIBLE MENACE...
S-STOP! THERE'S A WALL OF BUBBLING TAR BETWEEN US AND THE BEAST!
SKRUNCH


AND TENSE MINUTES LATER AS ADAM AND ALANNA ROCKET INTO THE AREA...
THE CREATURE'S PLUNDERED THE BANK DEPOSITORY! IT MUST BE A CREATURE OF HIGH INTELLIGENCE...
I'M NOT SO SURE, A. ANNA..


LOOK! JUST AS I SUSPECTED-- ZAARB-KA IS BEHIND THIS! HE WAS ABLE TO BRING THAT CREATURE UNDER HIS "ANIMAL" CONTROL--IT'S OBEYING HIS COMMANDS!
THE EARTHLING... AGAIN!

I'LL HAVE MY HYDRA-HEAD PET USE FACE NUMBER THREE TO EUMINATE HIM! HA, HA.

AT A MENTAL COMMAND FROM THE ALIEN CRIMINALS, THE HYDRA-HEAD SPINS .. LOCKS AND THEN
HRRR
SICK

UP SOAR MYSTERIOUS BLOBS TOWARD THEIR HUMAN TARGETS, AND ..
THAT GAS... IT'S DOING SOMETHING TO MY SENSES.. CAN'T CON CENTRATE FEELING GROGGY
WELL BOTH PASS OUT.. IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF THEIR RANGE! REVERSE ROCKETS, ALANNA..
POW
POW
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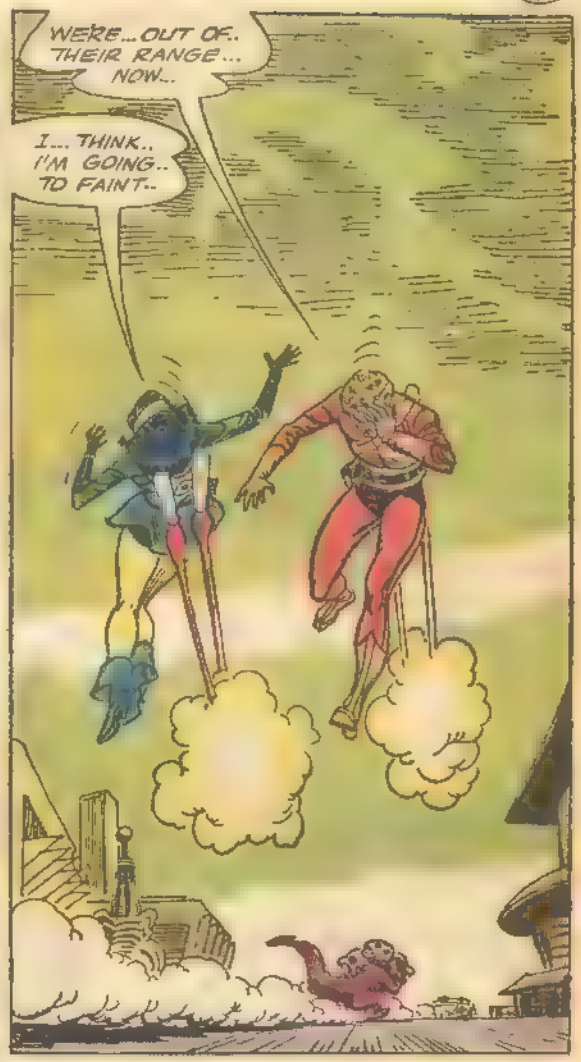
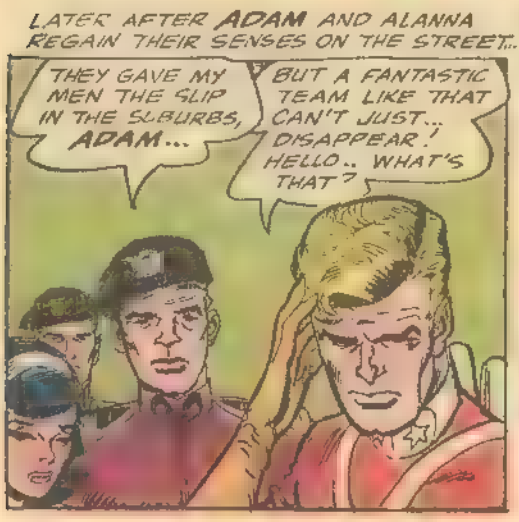
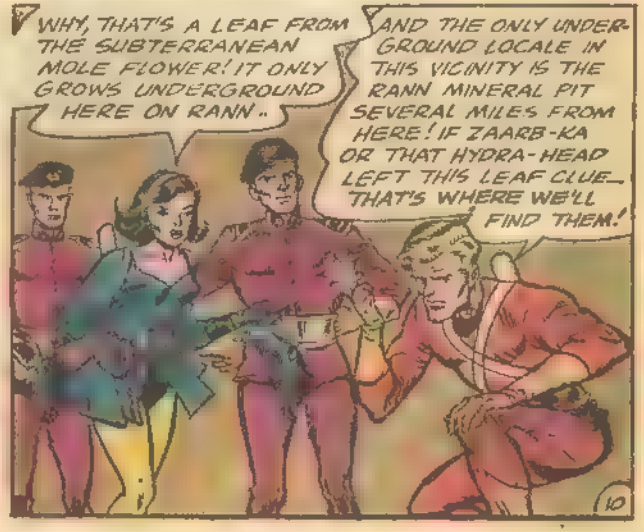

WE'RE...OUT OF.. THEIR RANGE... NOW..
I... THINK.. I'M GOING.. TO FAINT..


LATER AFTER ADAM AND ALANNA REGAIN THEIR SENSES ON THE STREET..
THEY GAVE MY MEN THE SLIP IN THE SUBURBS, ADAM...
BUT A FANTASTIC TEAM LIKE THAT CAN'T JUST... DISAPPEAR.! HELLO.. WHAT'S THAT?


WHY, THAT'S A LEAF FROM THE SUBTERRANEAN MOLE FLOWER! IT ONLY GROWS UNDERGROUND HERE ON RANN..
AND THE ONLY UNDER-GROUND LOCALE IN THIS VICINITY IS THE RANN MINERAL PIT SEVERAL MILES FROM HERE! IF ZAARB-KA OR THAT HYDRA-HEAD LEFT THIS LEAF CLUE... THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND THEM!

SHORTLY, ADAM AND ALANNA ROCKET DOWN INTO THE DEEP DEPTHS OF THE MINERAL PIT, WHERE...
IF THEY'RE HERE, THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM, ADAM! WHAT ARE THOSE MOVING, BRIGHT LIGHTS BELOW?
I... DON'T KNOW! THEY COULD BE THE REFLECTIONS OF GLOWING PIT MINERALS, ALANNA...
BUT THIRTY FEET LOWER, AND SEVERAL SECONDS LATER...
ADAM... I'M BEING DRAWN DOWNWARD... BY SOME STRANGE FORCE...
SAME HERE, ALANNA. AND OUR ROCKETS HAVE CONKED OUT! HATE TO SAY IT.
SPUTTER
SPUTTER
... BUT I'M AFRAID WE'VE BOTH FALLEN VICTIM TO STILL ANOTHER OF THE HYDRA-HEAD'S POWERS...
INDEED YOU HAVE, EARTHLING! AND THIS TIME, THERE SHALL BE NO ESCAPE! FOR NOW THAT MY PET HAS SNARED YOU, I SHALL HAVE IT INCREASE THE VOLTAGE... AND ELECTROCUTE YOU BOTH!
A MOMENT LATER, A BRILLIANT GLOW ILLUMINATES THE UNDERGROUND AS...
BRIGHTER. BRIGHTER, MY PET! DISINTEGRATE THEM BOTH..
A-ADAM... I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE.. GOODBYE. MY DARLING
BUT THEN..
THE FORCE.. IT SEEMS WEAKER NOW... AM I IMAGINING IT...?

NO... I'M NOT! ALANNA... THE CREATURE IT'S RETURNING TO ITS WORLD! THE ZETA-BEAM'S TELEPORTING IT BACK.. AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON! OUR ROCKETS ARE WORKING AGAIN!
SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG... THE HYDRA-HEAD IS FADING AWAY! RUN FOR IT, GORGO!
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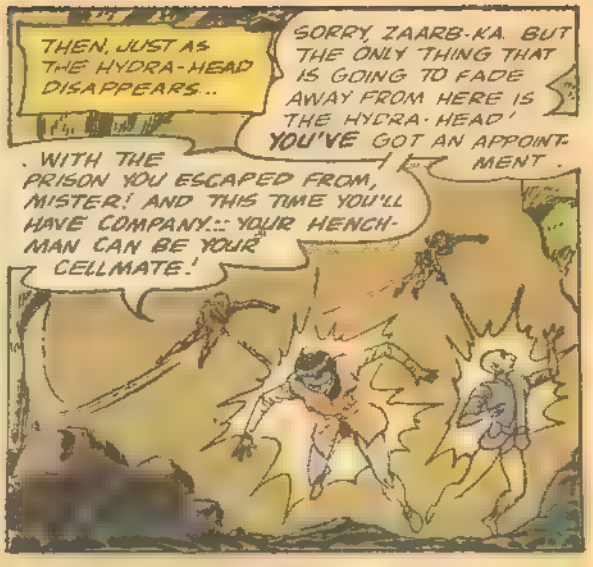
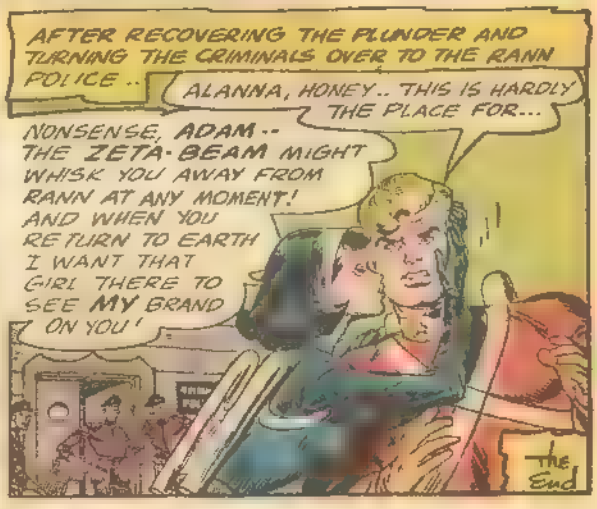
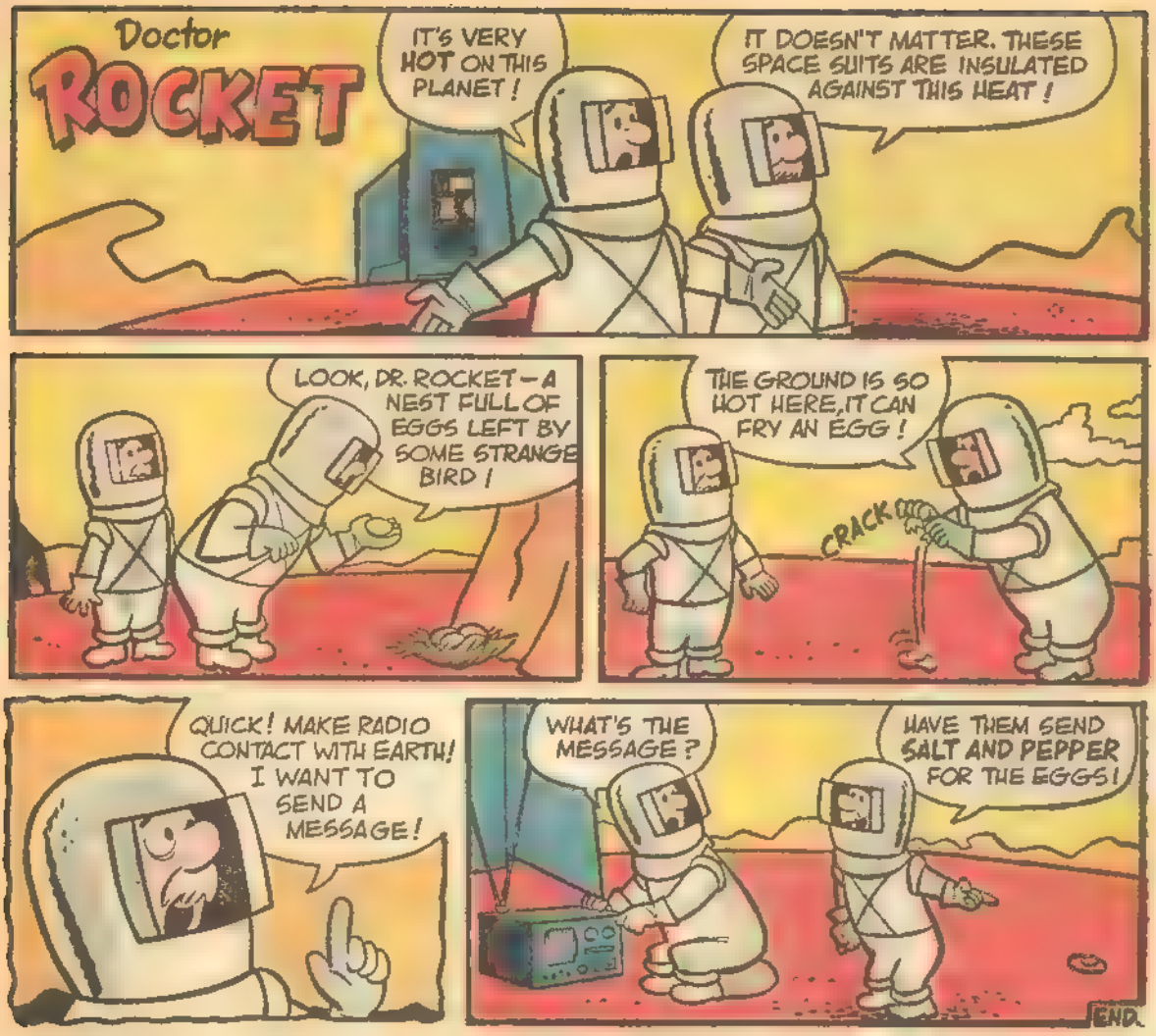

THEN, JUST AS THE HYDRA-HEAD DISAPPEARS..
SORRY, ZAARB-KA. BUT THE ONLY THING THAT IS GOING TO FADE AWAY FROM HERE IS THE HYDRA-HEAD! YOU'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT.
. WITH THE PRISON YOU ESCAPED FROM, MISTER! AND THIS TIME YOU'LL HAVE COMPANY.:: YOUR HENCHMAN CAN BE YOUR CELLMATE!


AFTER RECOVERING THE PLUNDER AND TURNING THE CRIMINALS OVER TO THE RANN POLICE..
ALANNA, HONEY.. THIS IS HARDLY THE PLACE FOR...
NONSENSE, ADAM -- THE ZETA-BEAM MIGHT WHISK YOU AWAY FROM RANN AT ANY MOMENT! AND WHEN YOU RETURN TO EARTH I WANT THAT GIRL THERE TO SEE MY BRAND ON YOU!
THE END

I LIKE CHOCOLATE FUDGE BEST!
I LIKE VANILLA FUDGE BEST!
...BUT EVERYONE LIKES TOOTSIE ROLL FUDGE BEST! IT'S CREAMY, SMOOTH, DELICIOUS!
Get some!

Doctor ROCKET


IT'S VERY HOT ON THIS PLANET!
IT DOESN'T MATTER. THESE SPACE SUITS ARE INSULATED AGAINST THIS HEAT!
LOOK, DR. ROCKET – A NEST FULL OF EGGS LEFT BY SOME STRANGE BIRD!
THE GROUND IS SO HOT HERE, IT CAN FRY AN EGG!
CRACK
QUICK! MAKE RADIO CONTACT WITH EARTH! I WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE!
WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?
HAVE THEM SEND SALT AND PEPPER FOR THE EGGS!
THE END

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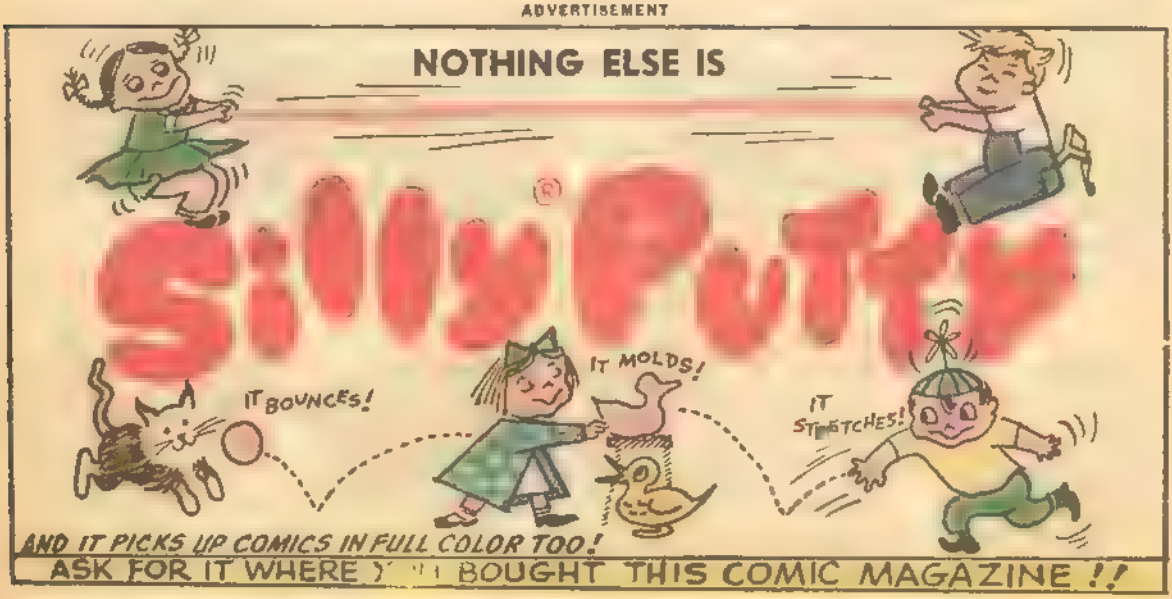
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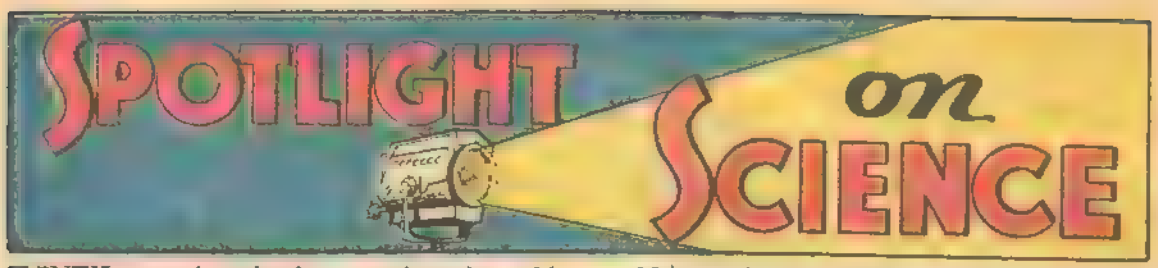

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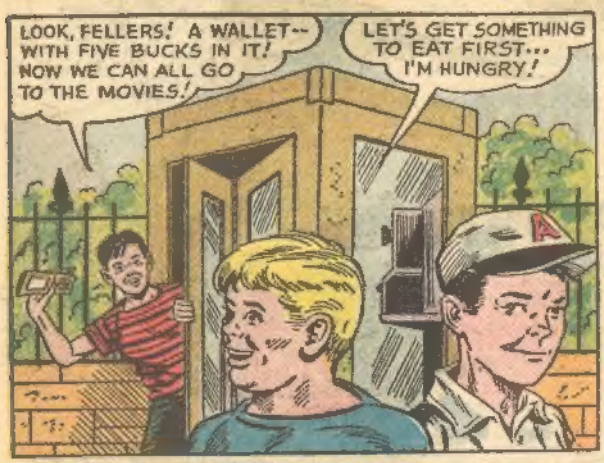
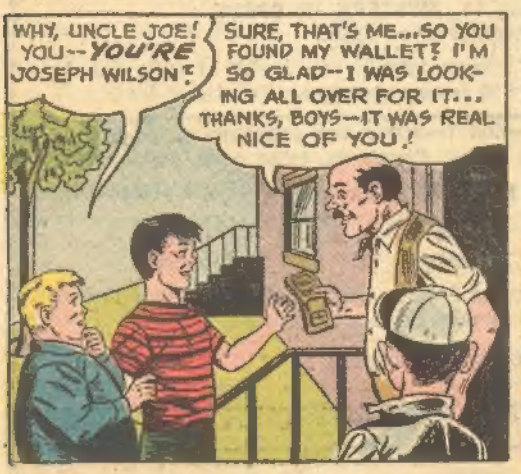
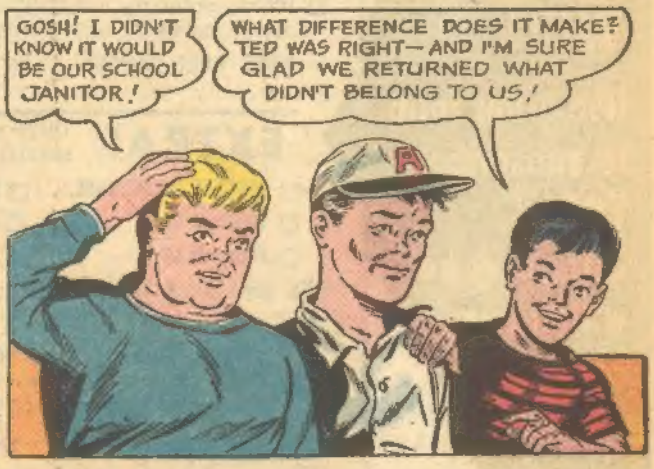


WAIT A MINUTE...THIS DOESN'T BELONG TO US. WE SHOULD RETURN IT!
AW, THE GUY'LL NEVER MISS IT! ANYWAY, WE DON'T KNOW WHO LOST IT...
SODA SHOPPE

THERE'S NO IDENTIFICATION CARD HERE--BUT THERE'S A PRESCRIPTION MADE OUT BY DR. BROWN TO A JOSEPH WILSON...
THERE'S DR. BROWN NOW--HE CAN TELL US WHERE TO FIND MR. WILSON...
AHHH! YOU GUYS ARE DUMB!...FINDERS KEEPERS!

JOSEPH WILSON?...OH, SURE--HE WAS JUST AT MY OFFICE A WHILE AGO... HE'S BEEN PRETTY SICK. HE LIVES OVER AT 27 EAGLE STREET.
LET'S GO, FELLERS!


WHY, UNCLE JOE! YOU--*YOU'RE* JOSEPH WILSON?
SURE, THAT'S ME...SO YOU FOUND MY WALLET? I'M SO GLAD--I WAS LOOKING ALL OVER FOR IT... THANKS, BOYS--IT WAS REAL NICE OF YOU!


GOSH! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD BE OUR SCHOOL JANITOR!
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? TED WAS RIGHT--AND I'M SURE GLAD WE RETURNED WHAT DIDN'T BELONG TO US!

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